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Policy in Fraternity-Non-Fraternity Relations.

Wherever the Greek letter society prevails, the element which it represents stands in contradistinction to the element which does not enjoy its privileges and responsibilities. This latter element may be antagonistic or indifferent, but while its antagonism may extend to the extreme of active and bitter opposition, its indifference, on the contrary, rarely extends to apathy. Different colleges impose different conditions, and this article purposes to treat only generally the question its heading implies, omitting as impossible the many reasons for and against existing conditions and the complications they incur.

Generally, then, we who enjoy the Fraternity privileges recognize that between ourselves and the body who do not, is a certain barrier of one sort or another; that they recognize this barrier and often resent it; that they rarely appreciate and often misunderstand the nature of our bond, and that it is often responsible and nearly always superfluous for us to explain its nature. But from the very fact that the Fraternity member enjoys greater privileges of one sort or another in college, is implied the necessity of greater obligation. And as the Fraternity cannot exist save as dependent on the Alma Mater, so its first duty, after its duty to itself, is its duty toward its Alma Mater.

Many of us recognize this fact theoretically; few of us act upon it in the measure that we should. There is too much talk of our duty to each other, and we seem to forget

that the Fraternity is to broaden, not to make selfish; and that the broadest sphere in which we can act while in college is the sphere that lies just outside the genial warmth and sympathy of our too often closed doors.

The sphere of action open to the Fraternity girl in regard to the non-Fraternity girls of her own college is large; and proportionately as she takes advantage of it, she raises the standing of the chapter in university consideration and develops tremendously her own character and personality. Exclusiveness is good while it is temperate, but its tendency is toward the extreme, and rare and wise the hand that restrains it to the dignified and happy mean.

Take it for granted that the standing of the chapter in college is high; that to wear its badge implies certain prestige, socially; respect and consideration from officials and fellow-students, because one wears it; the setting of a good example in good breeding and scholarship, because one wears it. Is this all? Does one's obligation cease there? No, decidedly not. There are small ways of extending courtesies to the most insignificant fellow-student, of bringing other peoples lives within one's comprehension and sympathy, which, to follow my first point, strengthen and make powerful the standing of the chapter in university consideration; that win the grudging admiration of erstwhile non-sympathizers with the Fraternity idea, and make the chapter a powerful influence for good in college life. This the individual may do; the chapter, by making itself as a whole known to the non-Fraternity girls by simple entertaining which shows its kindly intention without depleting its coffers, sweetens the spirit between them and lessens the gap. And in the end, from a purely commercial point of view, this effort will pay. That small but closely-bound minority which finds itself in possession of the cordial good will and active sympathy and respect of the large and unorganized majority may count itself fortunate indeed, and if only from its own standpoint, will reap a benefit that the more selfish body will lack, and which some day, at the test, will go sadly against them.

The reaction from this experiment in inexpensive philanthrophy necessarily will tell upon the character of its individuals. As we grow in capacity for sympathy, we broaden and sweeten our characters—we become the truer women. Our knowledge of human experience makes us more helpful to ourselves and to others. If we broaden the outlook of another's life, our own soul windows stretch and clear. The four years college education should be an education of people and things, as well as of books. By the people and things we appreciate the books; by the books, the people and things. Each is essential to the other, neither is complete without the other. The triple education is a well-rounded one; the one-sided education is unsatisfactory and impractical.

So far, so good; but perhaps you murmur-"A few practical suggestions, if you please." Will you let me peacefully ignore my remark of a few paragraphs back in regard to glittering generalities, and tell you of our scheme? During the term, as we have a well run chapter house where the out-of-town girls live and which is open to all at all times -the luncheons entertain frequent guests. Informally, of course; but each girl brings a friend now and then to share what we happen to have, and chat a little while before returning to recitations. It does not deprive us of any of our privacy, and it betters the feeling. Once every year, a month before the Seniors go, they send out simple cards for a tea to the girls of the Senior Class; the House is thrown open, and between the hours, a hundred or so girls come and go, to drink a cup of our tea, from the care of which the fraternity Sophomores loyally relieve their Seniors by taking entire charge of the refreshments. Usually the Juniors try to make an equally extended effort with their class: the Associated Women Student meetings, clubs and teas furnish opportunities for the individual girls to play the parts of hostesses, because with larger fields of acquaintance they are well fitted to do so.

Thus are developed the marked women whose personality in college affairs directs and organizes; upon whom responsibility and honor rest; whose influence is great, whose presence is appreciated, whose departure is regretted, whose example inspires. Such women the Thetas aim to be.

MARION CRINS WHIPPLE, Univ. of Cal., '98.

Our Right to Exist.

Some people go through life unconscious that privileges and responsibilities go hand in hand; they seize the former, ignore the latter, and then wonder why they are misjudged. Such persons are excellent parallels to those chapters of our Greek Letter Fraternities, which, although not an evil influence in the community where they exist, are absolutely so negative, that college ideals and standards are not higher because of their presence. Such chapters call upon the heads of all fraternities that persistent criticism and determined opposition which is hard to fight.

In the last journal, Alpha Epsilon voiced the feeling of many Thetas when she said: "We cannot afford to be wholly indifferent to criticism." We know our motives are good and our ideals high; but, if after years in a community, outsiders do not appreciate this fact, then Theta's representatives in that community are at fault. Ignorance is at the root of the matter. Chapters fail to recognize that, with the broad, impersonal social privileges of a fraternity go, also, broad impersonal obligations which outsiders unconsciously expect to see fulfilled. If we take a name and set ourselves apart from the general college world, we must make that name stand for laudable characteristics and definite aims or be caricatured for our idiosyncracies and human weaknesses. The name must mean something to outsiders and the secret society can speak only through its actions. To quote again from the paragraph which suggested this subject: "The opposition, that fraternities in general are still meeting in many institutions, seems to show that such an organization needs to prove its right to exist by the dignity and earnestness of its aims." Confining ourselves to Theta, What are our rights to exist? The truth is, we do not know just what we are to the college world and have no ground on which to base a reasonable argument for our presence there.

Since 1870, the relation of women to higher education and the social conditions of college life have so changed that we need to analyse our present position and definitely understand the needs and limitations of the women's fraternities of to-day. At present, our widely scattered chapters could be likened to a family of grown up children, who, sent out with the same precepts and principles, have encountered such diverse influences and been moulded by local customs until the same family traditions and ideals would scarcely be accredited to any two. Read the late journals: A decides for all Theta that meetings shall be purely social; B indignantly protests that Theta meetings should be literary! Who is right? Both, perhaps,—and yet, both wrong. Right in that they have honestly suggested what is best for their own chapter in its present condition, wrong in that they would impose upon all chapters what might prove a needless burden or even supplant some very praiseworthy entertainment.

At present each one interprets Theta by her own local chapter, and chapter judges chapter by itself. What we need is to know something of the other colleges, something of the differences in the courses of instruction, moral regime and social standards, not forgetting those minor points which help to form the background of college life. After such a knowledge of the environment of a chapter, we may be capable of judging it. And only when we are in sympathy with the conditions of all chapters, are we in a position to dictate to Theta. I suppose it was the hope of establishing such a sympathetic knowledge that suggested the office of traveling president; but a traveling officer would get but a glimpse of each college and would have little time to devote to one institution. We ought to be able to establish such a knowledge without such an officer. If each chapter would consciously face the question and make a study of its own community and its relation to that community, and then frankly put its conclusions into the hands of other chapters we would soon be able to profit by the experiences of each other and, in time, reach the stage when we could all wear our badge with the proud knowledge that it represented something of worth to the college world, and that we really had a right to exist.

C. A. E., Phi.

Report of the Educational Committee.

(Submitted by Ednah Harmon Wickson, Chairman.)

The reports of the Examination held this spring and submitted to me by Miss Arnold of Alpha and Miss Comly of Alpha Beta show that the highest average grade was reached by Alpha Delta, 90 per cent., second, Alpha Beta 89 per cent., Alpha and Upsilon 85 per cent., Epsilon, Eta and Alpha Gamma 81 per cent.

It is our object to progress very much educationally this year. Accordingly, I submit a plan which I hope the chapters will adopt until a better one is found. If work is begun right away our next examination will not be the result of a final cramming but show the careful thought maturing in the girls minds throughout the year. Our work seems to fall into three important branches.

ist. The history of the Fraternity. In order that an accurate knowledge of our history may be secured by every member of the fraternity we shall endeavor to have an article published by February either in pamphlet form or as an issue of the Journal. A knowledge of this will be necessary before the next examination which will probably occur early in April.

2d, The Constitution. We recommend three meetings devoted solely to discussions and plans for bettering our constitution. One of these should come before Christmas. In order that such a meeting may be successful each girl must make a study of the constitution before the meeting

and come prepared for an informal oral examination conducted by an examiner appointed for that meeting. Each girl should bring to the meeting criticisms and suggestions which have occured to her during her study, and she should be allowed to present these after she has been examined. The constitution could be divided into parts instead of being studied as a whole. In that way the preparation would not demand too much time, and if each girl were only questioned once or twice by the end of the meeting all would have been heard from. How could we help but improve our constitution under such a regime?

3d, Our Journal should receive our earnest critical attention, and for this, one meeting of the chapter should be devoted to the interest of each Journal as soon as possible after it has appeared. This meeting should fall into three

parts.

a. Short accounts and criticisms of the longer articles which often contain much of interest concerning various Universities should be presented by some girl previously notified of her task. The authors of the articles should be noted. This should not occupy more than fifteen minutes.

b. Short debates of ten to fifteen minutes each should be held on questions of interest raised in any of the articles or editorials. Each speaker could be limited to three minutes.

c. The secretary should read aloud the letters from all the chapters. Each should be discussed, valuable suggestions emphasized, and those showing deficiencies of any kind should be noted and a record kept. I cannot help but feel that the letters will improve when the writers realize what an attentive audience they are addressing.

The helpful results of such meetings should be, 1st, the improvement of the Journal by improving the material we send to it. 2d, It will be a means of bringing the chapters into a more intimate knowledge of each other. And 3dly it will help the individual chapters, for they will be led to adopt suggestions which have been discussed and thought worthy at the meeting. This meeting should not be over

an hour and a half long if well managed and prepared for beforehand. Each girl should have some small part to contribute and then the labor would not be felt heavily by any one.

Other lines of study will doubtless appear but let us for this year make material advances in the study of our history, constitution and Journal.

> EDNAH HARMON WICKSON, Chairman of the Educational Committee.

Catalogue Notice.

I wish to make an appeal, and perhaps offer a few suggestions to the secretaries who have the task of collecting the data for the catalogue.

The value of such a publication lies in the fact that the record given is as nearly correct as it is possible for human secretary to compile. Errors will doubtless creep in despite all effort to the contrary, but some of them will be such as the editor cannot correct, for she is dependent upon the secretaries for the information sent by them. Please use great care in reducing them to the minimum.

The date when all records must be in the hands of the editor is December 1st, which allows plenty of time for getting all data that can be obtained. The records should be sent either by express or registered mail; do not roll or fold them, but send in a flat package.

To the appeal for accuracy and promptness let me add a few suggestions. In the columns labeled "Degrees," please give the degree which each active member expects to take on graduation, and the year of the class that she will graduate with. If you have been unsuccessful, after repeated efforts to obtain information about a member, send at least whatever record your chapter may have. Also indicate the charter members of the chapter.

In the matter of dead chapters, the editor will gladly receive any information whatsoever. If you happen to know

the name and address of any Theta who has not received a record blank, please inform the editor at once.

Hoping that with your aid the catalogue may be a credit to our fraternity, I remain,

M. EDITH BELL, Editor.

President's Letter.

To the Chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta:

It is a pleasure to greet you after the summer's vacation, and to realize that you are all back at work again, and that Theta enthusiasm and college enthusiasm is running high all over the land. You have your president's almost daily thought this fall. During these few months you are making the character of your chapter for the next four years. Let that thought both incite and restrain you. I rejoice for every chapter that writes, as the large majority of you do, that pledge day or initiation day is to be delayed. Believe me, the advantage of such an arrangement is not wholly to the new girls.

Summer is not a favorable time for fraternity work, and vet the fall finds us in running order. The various officers and committees are mindful of their duties, and we hope that much will be accomplished by spring. The manuscript of the song-book is in the hands of the Grand Council; the editor of the catalogue reports progress, but slow progress she complains; the chairman of the committee on fraternity education and her two willing assistants are making plans for systematic work. Gamma District has had another change of presidents. Mary M. McLean, who had been long enough in the Grand Council to be highly valued and greatly missed, has become Dean of the Women's Department of Pomona College, a Congregational institution in Southern California, and will be so far away from the chapters that she cannot serve. Julia R. Gilbert, of Leland Stanford Jr. University, has been elected to fill the vacancy.

It is not too early to remind you that this year we must be preparing for the convention of '99. It is the duty of each chapter to prepare for it as carefully as the Grand Council does. I should be glad to have the Journal full of suggestions and plans for that event.

CAROLINE SARGENT WALTER.

ALUMNÆ DEPARTMENT.

Kappa Alpha Theta Club of Southern Calfornia.

Since so many of our chapters are represented in Southern California, it may interest you to know that a Theta club was organized here in Los Angeles last April. It may seem strange that this was not accomplished long ago, but the failure was due to lack of united effort rather than lack of fraternity spirit. Too often, love of fraternity means love of "my chapter," but in our club of fifteen, we have represented, Alpha, Beta, Kappa, Phi, Omicron, and Omega, and we could not ask for a more harmonious spirit than exists. Indeed, our club seems more like an active than an alumnæ chapter,—the same informality, disinterestedness of purpose, unselfishness and cordial interest in members and fraternity, characterizing it.

The club organization is at present only temporary, for we hope to procure a charter as soon as we are established on a firmer footing. In the meantime we will take up a line of work which will bring us in close touch, not only with the life of individual chapters, but with the life of the fraternity as a whole, and it will mean much to those of us who have been out of college several years. The fraternity constitution will be studied, subjects of vital interest will be discussed, the contents of the journal, the internal life of chapters, and, most of all, the support which we as alumnæ owe the fraternity, will receive our most earnest thought and consideration. We wish to make our organization essentially fraternity, and in order to do this, shall make our work wholly of a fraternity character. We can, all of us, belong to literary clubs of various sorts, study current events, works of celebrated authors, or whatever the clubs elect to study: but we feel that an alumnæ chapter of a fraternity has no right to exist unless its chief objects are fraternity objects, and its chief interests fraternity interests.

Our meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at Ebell Club House, and although June, July, and August are the months for summer vacations, we did not feel that we could afford to lose so much time, nor so good an opportunity to become acquainted with the active members of Omega and Phi, who at that time were spending their vacations at home here. While these girls from Stanford and Berkeley were with us, Miss Lindley, our President, entertained the club in their honor, at her brother's country home, near Whittier. Early in the morning we arrived at the little town among the foothills, and the carriages waiting for us soon took us where we could have the best views of the picturesque hills, the beautifully cultivated valley, the tall buildings of the State Reform School, and the town itself with its outlying ranches. We had the opportunity of exploring the Reform School buildings thoroughly, of visiting the theatre and assembly halls, the various shops, dormitories, kitchens, dining rooms, engine and machine-rooms, etc., and of having every detail carefully explained to us. This was the first visit of many of us to the school, and it gave us an unusual chance to become better acquainted with one of our State institutions, in which we feel that every woman should be interested. After another drive which showed us new objects of interest, we were made welcome at the home of our hostess where a delightful luncheon was served at small tables on the lawn. A noticeable fact was the scattering of chapter members, hardly two from a chapter having chosen seats at any one table, yet the greatest informality and jollity prevailed. It was a good illustration of the feeling of each that the chapter spirit is second to the fraternity spirit always. After having our pictures taken in a group upon the lawn, we enjoyed a guessing game in the house, and then pre pared for our drive to the station and our return home.

This is but one example, we hope, of the many good times that we shall enjoy together, and since the announcement that the National Teacher's Association will meet in Los Angeles next summer, we have all begun to look for-

ward and plan toward that time, when we trust we may meet many Thetas among the visiting teachers.

Perhaps the most fitting way of closing our letter will be to give you a list of our members and the chapters from which each comes, that you may know something of us individually as well as collectively.

Our roll of membership, which we are certain will be larger in the near future is as follows:

Mrs. Bessie Eaton Hammond, Mrs. Catherine Coffin Phillips, and Edith Coffin, from Alpha. Helen Shields from Beta. Mrs. Josephine Cook Lippincott from Kappa. Mrs. Cora Case Packard, Ida Lindley, Katherine Winans, Nina Martin, Bessie Whitcomb, Cora Snodgrass, and Sada Johnston from Omicron. Katherine Nash and Edith Hill from Phi. Mrs. Lou Whipple McCrea from Omega.

K. A. O. CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Delta Alumnae.

The room where we plan to meet this winter is not loyally decorated in black and gold but in Dutch blue. Our first meeting in "Maudel's Old Dutch Room" was pronounced a success by the fourteen ladies who attended. Susan Patterson, Eta, '98, was our guest of honor. She has been visiting in the city and will remain here till after the district convention. We plan to gather and have an hour for business and then take luncheon together bimonthly throughout the winter. Six new names were added to our roll at our first meeting this fall.

When we read among Lambda's personals that a Theta had been in the city long enough to get a degree from Hahnneman Medical college and we of Delta alumnae had not known her, we felt that a mistake had been made. We feel sure that Gamma alumnae chapter can sympathize with us in trying to keep in touch with all Thetas in a city where distances are so great and where people are constantly

changing their addresses. We shall be very grateful to the chapters if they will send to our secretary the names and addresses of any of their number who come to Chicago, to live or to remain for a time.

We of Delta alumnae are anticipating the convention of Beta district with great pleasure. We enjoyed the delegates thoroughly who came through Chicago from Madison last fall and many of us are planning to go out to Evanston frequently during convention week.

Eta Alumnae.

The long summer vacation is hardly conducive to much of a report from Eta Alumnae, as it, as well as the active chapter here, has been enjoying a vacation, and the members have been scattered here and there over the country.

Our June meeting was held on Tuesday of Commencement week and took the form of a reception to college women, those of other colleges as well as our own, both alumnae and undergraduates.

"Grass Mount," the college girls' home, was kindly opened to us, and between the hours of four and six we received about seventy-five women, representing Smith, Wellesley, Mount Holyoke, Syracuse and other colleges. It was a pleasant occasion, and we mean to make it a permanent custom, as such a reception furnishes a meeting place for college girls, which they have not had heretofore.

Our next meeting is to be held in October. As we are all women with many demands upon our time it seems best to hold but few alumnae meetings during the year, but they are none the less interesting nor is the enthusiasm in them any less strong because they are held rather widely apart. We are hoping to have our number increased this year by the addition of a few Thetas who have recently come into this region and who, we hope, will join us.

Greetings to all chapters, alumnae and active, from Eta Alumnae.

UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT.

What would a chapter be without its seniors? They not only have the pleasures of the fraternity life but upon them falls the brunt of the vexations and worries. All the perplexing questions, which doubtless come up

in all chapters of all fraternities, are laid be-Relations of a Senior fore the seniors in the belief that their older to the Younger Girls. wiser judgments will solve all difficulties.

Too often the younger girls are carried away by enthusiasm and the chapter would not keep the requisite even balance were it not for the seniors who act as ballast to an unsteady ship.

The seniors have been in the fraternity long enough to realize that the active chapter is ever-changing. Class comes and goes and for only four short years does one take an active part in fraternity affairs. It is then, when one is about to take the step that separates the under-graduate from the alumnae that one realizes the true meaning of a fraternity, that it is not a mere chapter existence, a transitory bond but something that always is. To know fully what our fraternity means we must feel that we are but a part of the sisterhood of Theta, and the senior is the fittest one to teach the younger girls to give their love and loyalty not to the chapter alone but to the fraternity as such.

The senior is supposed to have developed under a fraternity influence of four years and to reflect the aims of the fraternity in what she herself is. Not only must she have the scholarship which gives respect but she must have that combined sweetness and strength which belongs to noble womanhood. The younger girls look up to her for example and find in her their conception of what a fraternity girl should be.

Do the seniors realize the influence which they have, how it is in their power to mould the chapter, for as they live up to Theta ideals so will the younger girls be what a true Theta should be.

MINNIE RAY NILSON, '00, Omega.

In the last issue of the *Journal* something was said about putting the Theta pin on trinkets.

I cry, "Here! Here!"

The Theta pin is the emblem of Theta ideals. Any one wearing that pin is supposed to be striving after those ideals. Now, according to this, a smelling-bottle which wears the pin on its cover is striving to Use and Abuse of reach all that which our emblem means to the initiated; a glove-buttoner which displays the pin on its handle, is capable of most noble

aspirations; a pocket that puts the pin on its fat sides proclaims that "filthy lucre" is on a level with the stars.

There is another point of view, less important than this, but worthy of consideration. The pin is not pretty as a decoration for trinkets. In fact it is positively ugly. It is too symmetrical to adorn a spoon handle gracefully, and not symmetrical enough to make an artistic cuff-button or hat pin; the design is too substantial to look well when worked up in silver, and too solid to lend itself daintily to the making of rings and spangles. This proves to my mind that the pin was never intended to dignify "novelties," and that it never should.

However, this does not debar us from making our belongings with our order. The letters K. A. Θ . are a name in themselves as well as a symbol to the initiated. A pretty monogram made of these would serve the purpose, do away with the ridiculous, and be a hundred times more artistic.

People are always asking "What is the good of a fraternity for girls?" It is always hard to explain about friendships, and ideals, and culture, and the denoted which go to make up the well-bred woman.

Such things are thought to be "high-flown" by those who ask the question, and the fraternity girl is at a loss to know what to say. The result is, that she says

nothing and the questioner goes away thinking that there is no good in a "fraternity for girls."

This difficulty was solved for me one day in a ludicrous way. I repeated to a doubter, merely for the fun in it, a little thing that happened to one of the girls in the chapter.

I said: "She was walking to school just after one of those storms that cover the side walks with ice. Just as she was crossing the main street a smart cutter with the bells all jingling came flying toward her, and in her haste to get out of the way she slipped and sat down, flat, on the icy pavement, in the middle of the street.

As I helped her up she exclaimed "Oh dear, I've disgraced my frat!"

After my doubter had had his laugh he said. "Well, I'll withdraw all objections. If you can disgrace your 'frat.' by not conducting yourself in the most proper manner, there must be something in fraternities."

At present doubtless many of our chapters which are

glad to sign inter-fraternity compacts for deferring the date of asking day are still unwilling to adopt a date as late as the spring term for such a day. Indeed it is a question with many of us in the smaller colleges whether, for us, an asking day at the end of the Rushing. fall term will not bring all or most of the benefits claimed for a spring term asking day. However that may be, for those of us who still cling to a fall term asking day or to those who as yet have no asking day, there remains the question of how to accomplish in the least objectionable way what rushing is done.

An inter-fraternity compact will often do much toward securing less violent rushing, but such a compact may have just the opposite effect. Suppose, for instance, that one chapter finds itself weaker than usual at the beginning of the year is it not natural to expect that chapter to put forth an extra effort during the allotted time? Moreover although this need not and should not be the case, it very often does

happen, unless great care is taken to avoid it, that the other chapters located in the same college follow the lead of the first chapter and truly "ludicrous scrabble" is then the result.

Now the question which concerns each of us personally is what can we do to put an end to this violent rushing which we all acknowledge to be disgraceful. Perhaps if we were to keep constantly in mind the true object of rushing and govern ourselves accordingly much that is deplorable in rushing might be eliminated. The question now naturally arises what is the true object of rushing. After a moment's consideration most of us will answer that our object in rushing is to become better acquainted with the freshmen and to give them an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with us. In so far as we make this our object and do a moderate amount of very quiet rushing, the result will I think be pleasure to both parties and harm to no one. It is only when we lose sight of this object and plunge into a whirl of gayeties-large affairs to which are invited all our friends in the university or out of it-either because it is a time honored custom, because chapters do it, because we wish to outdo our rivals or even because we wish to make a favorable impression on the freshmen, it is only in such such cases I think that we lose our dignity and gain the just censure of many. Aside from the publicity thus afforded to a matter which should be kept to ourselves as students and fraternity members we fail almost completely, it seems to me, to attain the end for which ostensibly we are striving. Such entertainments as those just mentioned surely are little calculated to further the end we have in view. Then why can we not give them up entirely and do what rushing we honestly feel is required in a quiet way "just among ourselves?" The greater efficiency of this quiet way bringing us into more intimate relations with the new girls, would do away with the necessity for so much rushing. Perhaps rushing may not become a thing of the past very soon but the abuses of rushing may and must be abolished as speedily as possible. We all acknowledge the error of our ways. Then do let us make a determined effort to correct that error, for just so soon as we are all filled with a desire to abolish rushing evils and are willing, no matter what the temptations to the contrary, to strive actively toward that end, just so soon will those evils begin to disappear.

"Haste thee nymph, and bring with thee Jest and youthful jollity."

Let the serious-minded, well-poised college girl consider carefully the above invocation to the Goddess of Mirth. We need to woo more ardently the presence of that Spirit to drive away the wearied careworn expression from the face of the ordinary student. We need to give more time to relaxation from the strain of daily work and to the exercise of the merry moods of A Plea for Good which we all ought be the possessors. How shall we do this? In the first place, let us lay aside the usual and somewhat threadbare topics of conversation concerning the last examination, preparing for "that quiz," what Professor — said; and give ourselves up to a talk about ways and means of having good times "just among ourselves." Those of us who live in a chapter house have ample means for this.

Some of the very best means of relaxation are to form a burlesque concert company, to have a mock wedding, to send out invitations to a "reception informal, with costumes antique"—any diversion in fact in which we can throw ourselves into other characters and take our thoughts from our own selves and interests for a time. It is, of course unnecessary to do more than mention here the pleasures of chafing-dish and chocolate-pot.

After jolly times of this kind, we are surprised to see how much better acquainted we become and what new phases present themselves in the characters of the different girls. This fun develops characteristics which would otherwise lie dormant, and often brings to light strong dramatic talent in those in whom we least expect to find it. When we look back from the future upon our college days, one of the memories which will impress us not the least, will be the remembrance of the jolly times we had together. So let us not neglect this element of our development, small though it may seem, amid the busy whirl of our college life.

M. L. B. Chi.

We are, all of us, prone to limit our friendships and to consider as our real friends only those with whom we have more or less intercourse. In no respect is this more evident than the relation of the graduates and former members to the chapters or rather the reverse of this. How few chapters keep in touch with their former members any more perhaps than on the basis of mere friendship Chapter Relations, or as students of the same college. Of course in the older chapters, and those with a large membership, it would be impossible to have frequent intercourse, as college students soon become scattered over the whole country. There are some members we never lose sight of, who by their untiring efforts are becoming more widely known, yet some girls, who were active in college and fraternity life, on leaving college seem to be drawn into the whirlpool of the world's activities and are lost sight of for a time at least. The Official Record of our Fraternity, though it means hard work to the poor Secretary is an efficient means of finding out, this year about our girls and what they are doing. Perhaps some poor long suffering secretary will glance up from her laborious undertaking long enough to nod her agreement to this, sigh over the work that it means and return to her work with a smile of satisfaction and a feeling of some good done to her chapter in bringing to the girls some knowledge of distant sisters, and what they are doing, thus bringing us into closer relationship with the girls who occupied our places in days gone by, and who made it possible for us to enjoy the privileges and blessings of fraternity life.

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When one of the girls begins to fail in her school work as evidenced by the great attention on her part to outside interests and the neglect of regular attendance at school work, something must be done in the Fraternity, and it is a delicate question as to how best to reach the sister and give her the needed counsel and assistance.

Then it is that the chapter espionage committee is of service. This committee is composed of perhaps only two, at least not more than three, girls known to be inveterate students, girls for whom it is easy to devote the proper amount of time to study A Helping Hand. and who are yet not so unsophisticated as not to be able to judge of the undue popularity which a young and particularly a new student often receives. An old girl in the college can see how such tendencies tempt away from proper duties and she is the one who, with tact and delicacy, can quietly approach the delinquent member.

The unity of the chapter, if it is well kept, serves to hinder any claim of offense when it becomes necessary to tell one of our girls that we are sorry she has not been able to get a good understanding of the work and that we are ready and anxious to help her in every way possible.

Put it in such a way that she will see and regret her laxness in loyalty to our Fraternity ideals, will see that her sisters are sisters in truth, preferring to lend a helping hand in faith, hope and love rather than to grieve in silence, talk it over secretly, deplore the "disgrace to the Fraternity," and do nothing to help.

A lecture delivered in a patronizing, dogmatic tone is not efficient. It only antagonizes, naturally. But a serious, earnest inquiry as to how the matter stands, in exactly what studies she is lacking, will give her courage to try again, especially if, when chance offers, the elder sister suggests

that she herself coach her in the lines she can and as much as her time permits. This will show that a practical and sympathetic interest actuates the counsellor. Such difficulties do not often arise, I am glad to say, but they are none the less seriously to be considered. They do not mean a permanent disturbance of the inner circle of the chapter, but when satisfactorily adjusted they prove to be an agent in joining more closely the personal member in her individuality to the relations of the Fraternity ideals and standard in the chapter and at large.

R. B. W., Kappa.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

The date upon which the next chapter letter should be sent out is December 5.

Please write on one side only of the paper, and put the personals on separate sheet headed only by the name of the chapter. Any personal communication to the editor should also be written on a separate sheet.

Please note the way the chapter letters are headed and always arrange them in the same way, putting nothing at the head but the names of the chapter and the university.

Alpha District.

IOTA-CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Iota sends wishes for a happy new year to all her Kappa Alpha Theta sisters. Our new year has begun with a comparatively small chapter-roll as ten dear seniors left us last spring, but the small number strengthens the tie of sister-hood and each girl feels thoroughly in touch and in sympathy with the others in a heart to heart way which cannot be thoroughly felt when the membership is larger.

The fall term, like the Philistines, is upon us, and we are in the midst of that hurried worried time, the rushing season. Iota tried to remove this thorn in her flesh and abate the desperate rushing at Cornell by declaring she would not ask freshmen to join until the winter term. Unhappily the other three fraternities did not exactly coincide with Iota's view of things and they agreed to have no general asking day. So already quite a number of freshmen are pledged and many initiated. Meanwhile Iota stifles the fear at her heart and wonders if any one will wait.

Marguerite Hempstead, after being away from Cornell for one year, has returned to her old place in Iota's circle.

Of course, under the new policy, when we stand alone for a winter-term asking day, we cannot tell you with what success our rushing meets. We have had several charming affairs, when "all went merry as a marriage bell", and we have planned many more.

LAMBDA-UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

October finds us in the throes of the rushing season. As yet we have not pledged any of the new girls but hope soon to put our pins upon the best of a fine class of freshmen.

The June Commencement was a delightful one from a Theta's standpoint. Our alumnae gave a tea to all the college women in Burlington, graduates and under-graduates, Wellesley, Syracuse, Smith, Mount Holyoke and other colleges were represented. This was given at Grass Mount, where, the week before, we ourselves gave a more elaborate tea to the senior class and the faculty with their wives. Doors and windows of the long parlors were opened wide to let in the bright June sunshine among a profusion of flowers, and orchestra music floated down from the hall above.

On commencement stage we took our usual honors, or rather they were taken for us by Anna Clark, Ida Miles and Marion Rustedt. These three girls were made members of Phi Beta Kappa as well. At the senior promenade we were represented by Mabel Miles on the reception committee.

Lambda mourns and has good reason to mourn the loss of her five seniors. No one can quite take the place of a senior in the hearts of the lower classmen.

We are happy in our pleasant new rooms in a private house on College Street and we wish as great happiness and congeniality to all our sister chapters.

MU-ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Mu sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them all success in the fall rushing season.

We wonder if all chapters miss their last year's seniors and old girls who are not back as we do. One or two of our number who expected to return were detained at home on account of illness, but we hope to see them again after Christmas. Marguerite Hempstead, one of Iota's girls, who was with us last year, has returned to her home chapter. We enjoyed her stay among us so much and though we very much disliked to have her leave us we shall hand her back to Iota as gracefully as possible.

Our asking-day is still four weeks off so we can tell you nothing about the new girls except that there are several of whom we are thinking.

This fall Allegheny has been almost buried with new rules. Among them we find one which says that no organization shall entertain in any way but once a term so you see our rushing season will not be so crowded as it usually is. Perhaps this is better for our college work. We shall try to think so and thus get some satisfaction.

CHI-SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

We began this year somewhat crippled, as three of our Juniors removed to the Womans College of Baltimore, and the loss of last year's Seniors was a heavy one to the chapter. But the girls threw themselves into the work of rushing with such zeal that we have nine splendid girls as initiates: Marion Brown, E. Alice Cunningham, Mary Curtis, Cora Soper, Syracuse, Carrie Douglas, Batavia, N.Y., Ada F. Lucas, San Antonia, Texas, Eunice Pierson, Waterloo, N. Y., B. Margaret Miller, New York City, Estelle Tooke, Charleston, Ill.

The initiation and banquet were held at the Lodge, Oct. 15. Following is the Toast List:

Toast Mistress	_M. Evelyn Johns, 99
Home, Sweet Home	Ollie Walsh Ross, 97
First, the blade	Alice Cunningham, '02
—then the ear—	
After that the full corn in the ear	Jennie Bingham
The Vacant Chair	Mabel V. W. Parker, 'oo
Theta's Chain	Elizabeth Burlingame, 'oo
The Goat—Before and After Taking	Elizabeth Burrows, 'or

Prof. Emens who has the chair of Greek has returned from a year's study in Greece.

The chair of Literature is this year most ably filled by Dr. Richard Jones who comes to us from Swarthmore College.

Chi chapter has this Summer had its first loss in the death of one of its members, Bertha Davis, who died June 30th at her home in Livonia, N. Y. She was a Junior, a fine student, a beautiful girl, an ideal Theta. We feel that this heavy sorrow has bound us closer together.

ALPHA BETA-SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

The thirteen members of Alpha Beta are wondering if all o ou are as glad to see each other as we were on our return to College. Swarthmore station and the college halls saw some funny pictures on September 21st, as train after train brought the students back and hilarious greetings and embraces were abundant, regardless of the opinions of the amused spectators. This summer we had three partial reunions. Our annual camping party was held at Cossart, Pennsylvania, in a dear old farm-house with no one living within miles of it, and the best part of it was that we had our Grand President for chaperone. Don't you envy us?

Later in the summer, five of us spent a week with Elizabeth Willits on Long Island, and I doubt if six girls ever had a better time together. Lydia and Hannah Clothier entertained four of our girls at their summer home near Newport, to the great pleasure of all concerned. When college opened, we had so many good times and experiences to discuss, that it was with reluctance that we turned our thoughts to the new girls. I shall not say that our prospects are good and we feel encouraged, for remember how those hackneyed phrases have been criticized. But I know that you will all be glad to hear that the Freshman class is unusually large this year and some of the girls show promise of truly Theta qualities. It is too early to judge of results with any degree of certainty however.

I have not yet told you of several very pleasant Theta afternoons we spent last spring. Caroline Walter gave our chapter an informal tea on the oft frequented porch of her Wallingford home, at which several of our Media alumnae were present. Elizabeth Miller also had a charming "Daisy" tea to which we were all invited. We are thus often and forcibly reminded of our rather unusual advantage in having so many Theta alumnae in this vicinity.

ALPHA DELTA-THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Alpha Delta re-assembles in old Baltimore this clear October with the most eager hopes for the work and fun of the coming year. After summers sober and gay, we are engaged now in making up our minds with a proper amount and strong expressions of a becoming reluctance to accept what the professors may choose to inflict; though away down in our hearts, we are sure that we would not be anywhere else this fall for a good bit of this wide world.

At the First Methodist Episcopal church of Jamestown, N. Y., at 8 o'clock on August 11, Phoebe Jane Appleyard, W. C. B., '99, was united in marriage to the Rev. Arthur Staples (Φ. Δ. Θ., Allegheny), president of Beaver College, Beaver, Pa. Among the bridesmaids were Alice Tone, Elizabeth Sooy and Alice Dinger. Tales of the merry house party at Jamestown during those August days have but added to the honors of the bride as a charming hostess. We miss from our circle one who would be to us this year a senior sister, and all present and alumnae members of our chapter heartily join in showering our first bride with the best of good wishes.

We miss also another enthusiastic Theta, Alice Tone, who is unable to return to us this year.

We hope that every Theta chapter may not fail of the experience which has come to us this year for the first time: that of welcoming to its circle loyal Thetas from another chapter. We are delighted to have with us this year, Mary L. Braman, Carrie Lowell and Millie Sarles, 1900, Syracuse

University. We feel no less a joy also in re-welcoming one of our former members, Jane Dobbins, who has returned after nearly a year's absence.

Eva Blake, '97, made us a short visit last week, reminding us how goodly a portion an alumna may be.

We speed all our sister chapters with sincere wishes for true success in Theta; that the days of this year may bring to them and to us sound development of mind and heart, the steady glow of loving unity, and brilliant victories for our banners of black and gold.

ALPHA EPSILON-BROWN UNIVERSITY.

As the Alpha Epsilon returns to active college work, we feel the loss of eight of our charter members—the second and largest break that has occurred in our chapter circle. Many of our graduates are still near us, however. and we are sure of their help in many ways.

Our college is affected, both directly and indirectly, by the resignation of President Andrews, who has accepted a call to Chicago since the close of the last college year. At present, we have no president, and we are most anxious that whoever is called to the head of our faculty may bring a strong personality to advance the interests of the college.

The Thetas have had a pleasant summer. A number of us tried coöperative house-keeping in a woodbine covered cottage at Bayside—on the western shore of Narragansett Bay—for two happy weeks this summer, and the experiment proved so successful that we hope it may be established as a precedent, and that somewhere in New England there may be a "Theta Cottage" every vacation.

At the beginning of the fall term of college, our Corresponding Secretary met the Presidents of the two local societies at Brown to decide whether it would be possible to re-establish an agreement between the three societies as to the date of pledging, or methods of rushing. We regret that no terms could be agreed upon. Now we are working

independently. On the evening of September thirteenth we gave a play, "A Lion Among Ladies", to which we invited the entire freshman class. The class is a large one, and there seem to be in it an unusual number of desirable girls. We have reason, we think, to believe that we may be successful in winning those whom we most want, and that we may introduce them as our Theta sisters later in the year.

ALPHA ZETA-BARNARD COLLEGE.

During the first week of October Alpha Zeta has been experiencing for the first time in its existence all the joys of a reunion. The very novelty of the reunion has lent it a special charm, which we as charter members shall probably never again enjoy. For the first time in our college life each of us has come back to our Alma Mater, knowing that a certain warm welcome was waiting us, a welcome that we can now and always expect.

During the summer we have been more or less separated, and autumn has brought with it the realization that three of our number are not to be with us this year. One of last year's seniors has gone to the far-distant land of Iowa, one of the ninety-nine girls has been obliged to stay at home, and one of the nineteen hundred and one delegation is soon to sail for Europe. For so young a chapter we shall seem to ourselves well represented in three countries of the earth, at least.

Alpha Zeta hopes to do great things this year in the way of establishing Kappa Alpha Theta on a firm foundation at Barnard. We shall probably not find it a hard task, for, since the removal of the college to the new site, the number of students has been constantly increasing and there seems to be more than enough room for the work of the two fraternities, that of our own and of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Friday of this week, October seventh, we give the chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, an informal "at home." Friday afternoon, October fourteenth, we are to hold our

first general reception. We wish that not only the Gamma alumnae but all our Theta sisters might be present as it will be our formal introduction to the college and to our friends.

Beta District.

ALPHA-DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Almost three weeks of the college year have passed, and we feel very hopeful for the bright future of Depauw and our beloved fraternity.

The spike is over, and although a very warm one, we feel that our efforts are repaid, for, nine new girls wear the black and gold. They are: Mary Thayer, Edith Ravenscroft, Edith Holmes, Josephine Wilkinson, Emma Browder, Margaretta Nutt, Alma John, Marguerite Smith and Ola Kier.

Theta entertained formally twice during the spiking season. The first was in the afternoon at our chapter-house. In this the prevailing idea of palms was carried out. Palms were used in decorating, and palmistry was the entertainment of the afternoon. We were glad to have some of our alumnae present with us.

Frances Arnold entertained delightfully at a tea after which some of our gentlemen friends came in and enjoyed with us, a marsh-mallow toast around bon-fires on the lawn.

For the first time in the history of Depauw University, it was decided to admit girls, last year, as members of the Society of Phi Beta Kappa, and we are proud to say that Josephine Cartwright, '98, was one of the first recipients of this honor.

This year, as last, we have kept our contract among ourselves to give no propositions until the third week of school; but, next year we hope to have a contract with the other fraternities also.

BETA-INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Autumn, the quiet time of nature's year, and the busy one of the college calendar, finds the girls of Beta chapter in their places, ready for another period of struggles and hoped-for triumphs. We are not all here, to be sure, for with us, the term "we girls" still includes the seniors of last year. We are not quite used, as yet, to getting along without them, and find their places sadly vacant when we want to shift a responsibility upon their willing shoulders. However, we are growing independent, and like the members of all small families, we find ourselves drawn closer together. Some one may object after all, to calling us a small family. We still have eighteen girls.

We have entered into a "spiking" contract with Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi, which will not expire until Thanksgiving. But since it refers to new students only, we are privileged to spike any one who has been in college before. Under these conditions we are glad to report our last pledged Theta. On October 15th we shall initiate Mrs. Stempel, wife of Dr. Stempel, a member of the English department of the university.

We are still enjoying the "ups and downs" of chapter house life. We have a new house, and cosy as the one of last year was, we are all convinced that this one is quite as pleasant, and to make ourselves feel good, we say, more so. Moving wasn't a delightful thing, but fortunately, even that has its funny side. If worst comes to worst, one can sit down in the midst of the tumult, and laugh in the face of difficulties.

By this time, however, we are all pretty well settled, and flatter ourselves that we haven't lost much time, either.

Now is the time of year, of course, for new school books and new resolutions. We are well stocked with both, and if both grow old and well-worn by the end of the year, it will not matter if we are sure we have got all the possible good out of them, anyway.

DELTA-UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The new year has opened most favorably at Illinois, and Delta is rejoicing in her share of the prosperity. The increase in the number of girls has been large, and much more attention is being paid to the Woman's Department.

The Library School has aided us greatly, especially this fall since it has brought to us two Thetas, Ida Sawyer of Tau, and Bess Marie Davidson of Epsilon.

Since the opening of the term we have pledged six girls, Alice Zelly, Josephine Schillinger, Mabel Storms, Jennie Mahan, Evangeline Thompson, and Jennie Mather. The three former we have already initiated.

Delta sends greeting and wishes for great success to her sister chapters.

EPSILON-WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon cordially greets her sisters once again and hopes the New Year upon which we are entering may be one of rich blessing.

Since we last wrote many dear faces have gone from our midst but though absent are far from being forgotten. After a victorious rush we introduce to you May Corbett, Grace Corbett, Ruth Bogardus, Wallace Hall, Mary Haupert, and Jean McWilliams a sister of Edith who left us one year ago. We had a rushing party at Josephine Taylor's lovely home Saturday, September seventeenth. On the following Wednesday Margaret Platter entertained the Thetas in honor of Mrs. Shields nee Belle Platter.

Our initiation took place September thirteenth and was one of the most beautiful and impressive we have ever conducted. After the ceremony we had a spread and a delightful social time.

During the Summer we moved our fraternity rooms to a far better location than before, and they are now as dainty and pretty as possible.

ETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

It was with mingled feelings of pleasure and apprehension that we returned to college this fall. The delightful home of last year seemed ours only conditionally for there were but four girls to occupy the large house. We worked as only Thetas can, however, and when to-day we placed the black and the gold on four of the finest girls at college, we felt that we had reaped the reward of our labors.

We have entertained afternoon and evening and there are still left two or three who we feel belong to us and whom we hope to number among our own soon.

In our happiness we cannot but sigh for our girls of '98. We miss them at the piano when we sing our songs; we miss them at meetings; we miss them in the halls at college, and could we not feel that somebody is happier and better for their presence, it would be hard indeed.

Eta is planning a capital scheme for the chapter fund to meet incidental expenses which draw too often on the treasury. We have a library made up of college text books which have been donated or loaned and from this all members are entitled to draw books for the semester's work at a fee of twenty-five cents per volume.

We send our greetings and wishes for a year of happiness and prosperity to all the chapters.

KAPPA-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kappa chapter was fortunate this year in pledging four fine girls, Rachel Pugh, of Independence, Kansas; Pearl Constable, Marie Nelson and Nina Drake of Kansas City, Mo. The last three were all friends before they came here, and they are as happy to be together in Kappa Alpha Theta as we are to have them.

Our chapter is in excellent condition. It numbers sixteen, not counting our pledglings, and represents all the best types of college girl, the society girl, the student, the athletic girl, and the all round girl. We are very glad to see our girls active in all the good phases of College life.

The rushing season was a gay one for Kappa. Our festivities included several "afternoons" and teas, a dinner party, a dancing party and a tally-ho. Now we are settled down to work, broken however by our Katsups, which are every two weeks. Our last one was a watermelon party at Erna Bartheldes.

Kappa hopes for news of her sisters from the Convention at Evanston. In the meantime she sends greeting to you all.

NU CHAPTER-HANOVER COLLEGE.

Our college year has again opened with a larger increase in the number of students than has been known for several years, and all our sisters are so enthusiastic in Theta work that we can scarcely realize that we have been separated during the summer vacation. Much do we miss the dear girls whose presence we so much enjoyed in our circle last year, but we are frequently reminded of their true Theta spirit by their interest manifested in our work.

After the commencement exercises of the Preparatory Department last spring we initiated Fayth Holmes, Jessie Miller and Dell Gossard. Fayth Holmes is now recovering from a siege of typhoid fever and we hope will soon be able to be with us again as she has been a Theta in spirit for the past two years. We sorrow that Florence Thompson, '91, who is this year at Lake Forest, and Mayme Brewer, of the class of '98, are with us no more, for their kind deeds and charming manners are missed not only by our own sister-hood but by all our college students.

Jessie Young, '98, is taking post graduate work and the other resident alumnae are frequently with us in our meetings.

As yet we have not lost a bid and have pledged two new girls and think there are others who possess genuine Theta material.

During the vacation our hall was repaired and is now,

more than ever, one of the dearest places on earth to each member of the chapter.

Nu is anxiously looking forward to the District Convention and hopes to receive new inspiration from the report our delegate will give us. With best wishes to all sister chapters.

RHO-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Two weeks of fierce rushing, and Rho has added two new names to her chapter roll, Ella Wirt and Ellen Douglas. It is vain to attempt to express even a part of the joy and pride we feel in our captures, "Words are wild and weak", and you all know what we think and feel; for, you too have gained treasures.

For the first time since the chapter was re-established at the University of Nebraska, Rho has suffered defeat, and yet she raises her head proudly in consciousness that such defeat as is hers, is really victory. The trial, like all trials, is not pleasant, but grievous. They are the common lot, and one can but

> "——dry ones eyes and laugh at a fall And baffled, get up and begin again."

And again, like all trials, they serve their end, when accepted in the right spirit. Already, Rho sees that, what before seemed complete accord, is a mockery, when compared to the unity that mutual pain has wrought. She is ready now to buckle on her armor, and shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart, present such a front to "the enemy" and the world, as shall gain that most worth gaining. And then, ah, well, "there are compensations" one finds them everywhere, even in the greatest misfortunes. Rho knows her strength, that it is from within, based on true womanhood, and as such, no mere external happening can weaken it.

The rushing season has been so short, and so swift this year at Nebraska that the record of gayeties is unimportant, merely rushing parties, and you all know what they are.

They are not our life; they are mere repetitions of the same theme, with variations-pleasant, to be sure-but then, let us use our letter-space for "heart to heart" talks. We cannot feel, each the other's heart-beats beneath the sparkling account of events. It is the soul-life we long to share, to know not how many girls have we lost; how many girls have we gained; not how many Thetas were at the Promenade; not how many of our number have been honored as bridesmaids—we get all that in the official reports. But, have we conducted our rushing honorably? have we been thoughtful of neglected ones in the mad dash for prizes? Have we kept our ideals from dragging in the dust? have we been true women? And how can we tell our sisters, all over the land, of inner victories? of lessons of life? of means of growth? that may be shared to help some other on the way.

We, "out West," have felt this summer, more strongly than ever before, the universal bond that binds us, and that has been in meeting Thetas from chapters other than our own. The meeting with members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, assembled here in convention, was a great pleasure, but greater still is that of meeting ones very own. Anne Barr and Clara Walsh, two of our alumnae, have spent the last five months abroad, and besides the tales of strange countries, strange peoples, and strange sights, they bring back a breath of home, caught from chance meetings with other Thetas abroad. And then, we too, who had not the good fortune to go across the seas, met at home, "loved ones unknown" before. Our Omaha girls especially, thank the Trans-Mississippi Exposition for meetings with Thetas from Minnesota, from Kansas and Swarthmore. They regretted too late, that they had not made arrangements for a rendezvous for all Thetas visiting the Fair. We trust that the Paris Exposition will afford Theta more favorable opportunities for proving her binding power.

TAU-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

At a time when "Let every old Theta now drink to the

new" is the all-absorbing theme, Tau pauses to "tell you all about it." You all know what it is to be in evidence twelve or so strong on registration days to inspect the "new material"; you know about the drives, the luncheons, the spreads, etc., that fill the first few weeks of college, but you don't know about Tau's new girls. We have always believed in non quam plurimæ sed quam optimæ. In view of this we consider our campaign victorious as we present to you four new sisters: Irene Graves, who has been studying at the Burnham School of Northampton, Ruth Ray, a girl from Chicago, Jessie Buell, a graduate of Ogontz, and Leona Gould a fourth prize, from Evanston and the end is not yet.

Tau misses from her mystic circle two sophomores, Adelaide Lewis and Jeannette Becker but hopes to have them back next year. We have been glad to have Miss Sue Patterson of Eta chapter with us several times. It is a usual thing these pretty October days to get some Theta's carriage and all pile in before, behind, and all around, and go for a drive while all we meet smile enviously and say "There goes a Theta bunch."

We are making preparation for the Beta District Convention and are looking forward to having it meet at Evanston. We shall be able to tell you more about it for the next Journal. We wish that not only one representative from each chapter but that all of you might be here. What a grand union it would be! We had planned to entertain royally and are disappointed to discover that there are to be so many business sessions as to prevent our cherished plans. We regret that the song-book has not yet been published as it would be enjoyable to use it at the Convention, but we look forward to seeing it soon.

It is not all pleasure at Tau for you will be glad to know that all her girls are earnest, faithful students and have entered on the year's work with zest.

UPSILON-UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The University of Minnesota is once more in working

order and we underclassmen have begun to realize that "the world do move" even if the '98 Seniors are not present.

Several additions to our faculty may be reported. Dr. Richard Burton formerly of Hartford, Connecticut, now fills the chair of English left vacant by Dr. MacLean who has been for two years chancellor of the University of Nebraska. New instructors in other departments have very materially strengthened our teaching force.

Upsilon Chapter has come back with but nine of her eighteen girls of last year—but the nine are very energetic and earnest and with the aid of our "sorores in urbe" we have had an unusually gay and pleasant rushing season. We opened the year with a dove dancing party at the home of one of our girls. This was followed by a spread and a chafing-dish party with a buck board ride sandwiched in. Mrs. Robert Esterly of Epsilon and Mrs. Kenyon, of Kappa then gave us a trolley party, entertaining us in a most delightful manner. We started from Minneapolis and took the Interurban route for St. Paul, spending the evening very pleasantly in dancing at The Ashland where they reside.

Let me introduce our pledgelings to you—five strong enthusiastic girls, imbued already with the true fraternity spirit: Alice Woodman, Verna Kluckhohn, Mary Stoughton, Marian Chapman, all of St. Paul, and Alice French of Minneapolis. We are planning a vigorous initiation for them to take place the last of this week.

At least three of the girls from Upsilon besides our delegate are planning to attend the district convention at Evanston. From various rumors that have reached our ears we feel sure that the good time they anticipate will be realized and those of us who must stay at home envy them their good fortune.

PSI-UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The university opened the 28th of September with five

hundred new freshmen. This is the largest freshman class there has ever been.

We have not really settled down to work yet as we have been busy rushing ever since we came back. We have pledged two girls whom we are proud to introduce to you. Mabel Stuart and Daisy Paota White. Three others have given us their preference and in the next number we will give their names. There are a few more also, whom we would like to see wearing the Theta pin.

We gave up our lodge this year but as Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Austin very kindly put their houses at our disposal, we were able to entertain all we wished. We have given quite a number of teas, chafing dish parties and spreads. Next Friday night, the seventh, we give a formal rushing party.

The foot ball season has opened and the prospects for Wisconsin seem very bright. The first of October the university played Ripan College with a score of 52 to 0 in our favor. The eighth they play Beloit at Milwaukee, which promises to be a very exciting contest.

The new library is gradually approaching completion. It will be very large as it is intended for the use of both the state historical library and the university library.

A district convention will be held at Evanston in the near future. Besides the official delegate three or four of the other girls are going to attend.

ALPHA GAMMA-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Never was Alpha Gamma more happy. Never had she more cause to rejoice, for her victories have been thrice glorious. Three girls has she taken from out of the enemies hands. Not a bid has she lost.

On the evening of September 15, a Theta party at the Grand. Sept. 16, one of the men's fraternities gave a drive for the Thetas and their rushlings. That evening we enjoyed a jolly chafing-dish party at the home of Florence

Durstine at the Cumberland. Sept. 17, our first pledge, Gertrude Bellows, and on the following Monday two more, Mary Loren and Jessie Carpenter. Sept. 29, a wild goat ride, almost all of Epsilon alumnae were present, and were as enthusiastic as any of the active girls.

However, one of our beloved girls, Annis McLaughlin, was absent, far, far away—mid-ocean—on her way to spend a winter in "gay Paris". But our thoughts were with her and we knew hers were with us.

Anna Williams, one of our most enthusiastic girls, who was at Oberlin last year, is again with us and we can scarcely tell which delights us the more, one of our old companions back or new ones gained.

We are looking forward to the convention at Evanston. A party of four—three from Alpha Gamma and one from Epsilon alumnae—hope to be present and enjoy it.

The social season proper began with a Hop given by the Athletic Association at the Auditorium which every one of our girls attended and enjoyed to the fullest extent.

With three new girls Alpha Gamma begins her year's work and is most happily and heartily yours in Kappa Alpha Theta.

GAMMA DISTRICT.

PHI--LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

Greeting to all Theta chapters with the hope that you have all had as happy a reunion as Phi.

Our house is fresh and bright with new curtains and rugs; all due to the skill of our house-manager last year, who closed her books with a snug sinking—or rather furniture—fund.

Here we welcomed back our valued house-mother of two years ago. She is to be with us all year. We are both happy and fortunate in having her tactful interest.

Already one new link has been added to Phi's encircling chain. At our second meeting, with a simple service was

added this link representing our district-president, Mary M. McLean, who lived with us in the chapter house last year. It was a memorable evening, for she was with us, and the service only faintly symbolized the pleasure and help her council has been to us. We are sorry that her absence in the south this winter led to the resignation of her office. But her successor, Mrs. Gilbert, is one of our own faculty members so again we are fortunate in having our district president with us frequently.

Beta chapter and Zeta Alumnae will know how glad we are to have Emma V. Pearson as an affiliate. When Theta thus meets Theta, a phase of our fraternity is emphasized that broadens the Chapter's horizon and confirms the truth that we are all *one* body of girls striving for *one* ideal of noble womanhood. Then we have a new faculty Theta, Mrs. E. P. Cubberley, whose husband is acting head of the educational department. She was Helen Van Uxem of Beta chapter and is taking an active interest in Phi.

Among our callers this month were Prof. William James, of Harvard, and a party of Oxford and Cambridge professors. These latter were interested in American College women and how they lived. They must have approved of our way for only President Jordan's urgency prevented their outstaying their train.

Phi has another God-child but, there is no hope of its being a Theta this time, for "it's" a boy, Alpheus Bell, whose happy mother was Ruby Green, ex-'99.

The art department have just moved into a new studio, while workman are busy upon a new wing to the museum, a library building and a spacious assembly hall. These last two are the first buildings of the outer Quad. They are of yellow sand stone with tile roofs, and conform to the original plan of old mission architecture.

These are some of the things we have rejoiced over this fall; but deeper and truer than all these, is the loyal, enthusiastic Theta spirit that finds expression in our meetings. Our ideals have kept us brave in patient endeavor to truly

and rationally know the new girls in the face of one of the most violent rushing seasons Stanford has experienced. Then we have planned to open our house once a month to our friends and their friends as a means toward the widest influence for good. Each member is individually working for high scholarship. Together we are finding strength in Theta's bond, for;

"Love must rule a chosen band, Working together."

OMEGA-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Omega has begun the year with renewed prosperity and happiness.

Last year we felt the disadvantages which our fraternity house had, in being far away from the college centre, so we rejoiced when an opportunity came for us to move into a more desirable home. Our new home is pretty and attractive and admirably suited for entertaining, as we have found out from our rushing this year.

The freshman class has an abundance of good material for fraternities. Each year seems to see an increase of finer girls in the university. We have pledged four girls whom we feel are full of promise and have one or two more in view. Our initiation will be held this month.

Last year Mrs. Hearst's munificent gift made it possible for us to have an international competition of architects at Amsterdam, the object of the competition being to choose plans for the new buildings to be erected at the university. The buildings which we have now are a heterogeneous collection of many styles of architecture and we have felt for a long time that the unparalleled site of the university demanded something different. The eleven architects whose plans are considered best will come to California at Mrs. Hearst's expense to study the possibilities of the university. We hope to have in the near future spacious and beautiful halls overlooking the Golden Gate. This month another woman was added to our list of benefactors. Miss Cora

Jane Flood presented to the university, lands valued at \$2,250,000. What wonder that the future seems to us colored with a rosy glow!

Omega sends best wishes to all her sister Thetas.

PERSONALS.

ALPHA.

Blanche Bacon, formerly of the class of '99, now of El Paso, Texas, has been visiting friends in Greencastle.

Edith Morris, '97, is teaching English in the Greencastle High School.

Nellie Towne, '95, has the position of Latin teacher in the Monticello High School.

Mary Goodwin, '97, has been visiting Theta friends in Greencastle.

Nora Serringhaus has been elected assistant teacher of German in Depauw.

BETA.

Emma Pearson, '97, has entered Leland Stanford.

Laura Woodburn and Maude Showers, two of our juniors, have not been able to enter college this year on account of ill health.

Katherine Schaefer, '98, is teaching in Richmond. Lucy Howe, '97, has a position in the Muncie schools.

ETA.

The Etas in Chicago have had several delightful reunions this summer. We spent the Fourth together with Laura Hills Norton, '82. Mrs. Norton and some of the girls had just come from Ann Arbor and it was good for the rest of us to hear the Theta songs and the accounts of Eta's work and pleasures during the year.

Our two Janes have been our other hostesses. Jane Pollack, 'OI, entertained us at her home in Ravenswood. She has visited among a number of Etas living in Michigan during the summer and we were all eager to hear from the other girls. Then too "our Freshman's" devotion to Theta has aroused some of us older ones, for we are a little ashamed to have her so far in the lead. The black and yellow pansies, which she gave each one of us were just a sample of her thoughtfulness.

One beautiful day late in September we gathered at the home of Jane Eyre Smoot, '83. There is something hospitable in the atmosphere that we of Eta notice as soon as we leave the train at Highland Park. We feel at home at Mrs. Smoot's. Four of the founders of Eta chapter told us stories of women's pioneer work at the U. of M., not only in fraternity life but in the class rooms. Their accounts were made more interesting by being illustrated with class and fraternity pictures, that date back twenty years.

Jessie Beal-Baker has gone to live in Greater New York, where her husband has accepted a position on *McClures' Magazine*.

Harriette Waller too will be in Brooklyn this winter.

Frances Gale represented the chapter in Summer School.

Maud Phillips returned from California commencement
week and will be in college next year.

Irene Blanchard, '98, is teaching Greek and Latin in the Battle Creek, Mich., High School. She promises to come back for initiations and all red letter days.

Matilda Harrington, also of '98, will teach Latin at her home, in the Dubuque, Iowa, High School.

Florence May Lyon has spent a delightful summer in Biological work at Wood's Hall, Mass. She has a fellowship in Botany at the University of Chicago and will resume her work there in October.

Miss Irene Blanchard, '98, is teaching Greek and Latin in the Grand Rapids High School.

Susan F. Patterson, '98, is visiting at Chicago and will

attend the district convention. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Norton.

Eta is proud of a little Theta sister who arrived this summer at the home of one of our patronesses, Mrs. Horace Wilgus.

Harriet Waller is teaching in a boy's military school in New York City.

Edith Rice, '98, will be at home this winter in "Sunny California". She is teaching in Nordoff, Ventura Co., Cal.

IOTA.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ethridge (née Vedder) are visiting at her old home in New York State.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shorey (née Emma Gilbert) have spent their vacation on Mackinac Island. They returned in time for the opening of the University of Chicago, where Professor Shorey has the chair of Greek language.

Estella May Vedder, Cornell, '92, is teaching in the Cascadilla Preparatory School in Ithaca. Iota is glad to welcome her back again to her old place in the chapter.

Clara H. Kerr, '91, and Clara E. Schouton, '94, have returned from two year's travel and study abroad.

Eva Hulburd Young of Springfield, has recently won the distinction of being the first woman in western Massachusetts to secure admission to the bar. Miss Young is a Wellesley graduate and studied law at Cornell University, graduating with the class of '98. Miss Young was an enthusiastic member of Iota and a leader in all class interests, athletic, social and otherwise. That she has lost none of her fraternity interest is shown by the letter the editor received from her a few days since enclosing her subscription for the Journal, and full of the warmest fraternity spirit.

KAPPA.

Miss Josephine Shellabarger is now in New York City studying Art.

Miss Clara Lynn of Kansas City, Mo., spent a week in Lawrence during rushing season.

Miss Katherine Dunn, Wells, '98, is teaching Latin in Manual High School at Kansas City Mo.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Viola Deweese to Dr. Edgar Simonton both of Wamego. The wedding will take place October 19.

Miss Elizabeth Wilder, '82, and Miss Anne Wilder, Nebraska, '95, spent the summer in Europe.

LAMBDA.

Miss Adelaide Marshall, 'or, has returned to college after her long illness.

Miss Margaret Healey, 'oo, is still teaching in Fairhaven, Mass., but hopes to return to us at midyear.

Mrs. Mary Brigham Buckham of Salem, Mass., has lost her infant son.

Miss Anna M. Clark, '98, has a fine position as teacher of Science in the Connecticut State Normal School in New Britain, Conn.

Miss Ida Miles, '98, is to be congratulated on her position as preceptress of the High School in Homer, New York.

Miss Mabel Miles, '98, is teaching science in Manchester, Conn.

Miss Marian Rustedt, '98, is assistant principal of the High School in Richford, Vermont.

Miss Mabel Way, '98, is teaching in the High School, Hardwick, Vermont.

MU.

Mary E. S. Scott, who spent last year in graduate work at the University of Chicago, is now in Belleville, New Jersey. She writes that she wishes she were to study in Chicago this winter and adds: "I will go back again some day." This remark is characteristic of graduate students at the U. of C. No one there seems willing to stop if he once enters the graduate department.

NU.

Eva Fitzgerald, '88, visited Hanover recently.

Margaret McCoy, '96, is teaching in Indianapolis.

Theodora McCoy, '96, is teaching in Madison, Ind.

Pauline Ernst, '96, is still head of Mathematics in Madison, Ind.

Berte Swope, '93, has gone to make New York her future home.

Elouise Dougherty, '92, was with us during Commencement week.

Mary Moffat, ex-'99, entered Wellesley this fall.

RHO.

Jean Tuttle, '98, is teaching at Mindon, Nebraska. Edith Schwartz, '98, has accepted a fellowship in the department of Germanic Languages in the University. Elizabeth Bonnell, of Chicago, visited Lincoln Thetas for

a week in September.

Mary Towne has left the University for the present, and is taking up kindergarten work in Omaha.

TAU.

Anna Howard Adams, one of Tau's charter members, is teaching in Erasmus Hall, one of Brooklyn's High Schools. Her fraternity loyalty has not abated and Gamma Alumnae will find in her an enthusiastic acquisition.

Jessie Sawyer is at the University of Illinois, studying Library Science. She has already become an ardent admirer of Miss Sharp, the director of the department. Miss Sharp's enthusiasm always inspires her students.

UPSILON.

Miss Beth Fisher, '98, is principal of the High School at Mapleton, Minnesota.

Miss Rowena Pattee, '99, is pursuing her musical studies at the Conservatory of Music, Boston.

Miss Katharine Jackson, '95, is teaching at the Tacomic School for Girls, Lakeville, Connecticut.

Miss Irene Graves, of Tau chapter, made a short visit to Minneapolis shortly before the University opened.

PHI.

Miss Mary McLean, Gamma district's retiring President spent Sept. 17 and 18 with us. She is to be dean of the women's department at Pomona College this winter.

The Misses Cora and Minna Stillman, 1901, are spending the winter traveling in Europe.

Miss Clary Avery '98, has charge of the English in the Santa Cruz high school.

Of Psi's alumnae, Miss Winifred Webb and Miss Margaret Deming are studying and traveling abroad.

Miss Ruth Spilman, ex-1900, is teaching Latin in the high school at Sacramento.

Miss Edith Hill, '98, is teaching in the Alhambra high school.

OMEGA.

Elsie Burr, ex-'99, has returned to college, after an absence of two years, on account of ill health.

The engagement of Agnes Borland, ex-'00, to Mr. Walter Morris Hart is announced. Mr. Hart is an instructor in English at the university.

The engagement of Mamie Maccubbin Kent, '99, to Mr. J. Malcolm Graham, ex-'00, is announced. Mr. Graham is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Ednah Wickson, of '98, writes: "I have never been so busy in my life, I am working for my Master's degree to be taken next May." Can any one who knows Ednah imagine her anything but busy? Her loyal interest in Omega is just as marked as ever and she has on hand now some scheme for the chapter's benefit.

ALPHA BETA.

Alice Battin Lewis, '87, is visiting her friends around

Swarthmore. She will make her home in Maine this winter.

The engagement of Hannah Hallowell Clocheer, '91, to William T. Hull, Ph.D. Johns Hopkins, is announced. Dr. Hull is Professor of History at Swarthmore College.

Ella Pyle, '92, is taking post graduate work at Barnard. Anna Hillborn, '92, has charge of the kindergarten department of Friend's Central School, Philadelphia.

Margaret Corlies (Moore) Bancroft, '93, has returned from abroad where she has been for the past three years with her husband who is an artist. They will spend the winter in New York.

Ellen (Williams) Battine, '93, and her husband have gone to Germany to study at Berlin.

The engagement of Lydia P. Williams, '97, to Dr. Walter Roberts, Swarthmore, '90, is announced. Dr. Roberts is a successful physician in Philadelphia.

Born to Mary (Clark) Marden, '97, and Dr. Chas. C. Marden of Johns Hopkins University, a son, named John Clark Marden.

Pauline Broomell and Susan Atkinson, '98, are studying art at the Drexel institute, Philadelphia.

Grace A. Brosius and Lydia P. Williams, both of '97, have presented the chapter with a very handsome gavel.

WEDDING BELLS.

ETA.

Louise Mather Harris was married September 15th, to Dr. John Benjamin Thielen, Chi Psi, '96. They are living in Charlevoix, Mich.

RHO.

Married, June 8, 1898, Olive Latta and Edward Garland Watson, M.D., of Friend, Nebraska.

UPSILON.

Married, May 7th, 1898, Miss Carolyn Durkee, '97, to Mr. Albert Harmon, of Princton, Wisconsin.

IOTA.

Miss Anna Frances Barrett, Iota, '93, and Mr. Henry William Fox, Jr., of Princton, were married September 20th, 1898, at the bride's home in Albion, N. Y. They are at home at 34 Orton Place, Buffalo, N. Y., in which city Mr. Fox is practising law.

PSI.

The announcement of the wedding of Miss Katharine Sabin, '94, to Mr. Ray Stevens of Madison, Wis., was received some time ago. Mr. Stevens is a lawyer in Madison and they will make that city their home.

Laura Alma Osborne, '96, was married August 16th, '98, to Mr. Louis Winslow Austin, of Madison. Mr. Austin is assistant professor of physics in the Wisconsin University and they will make Madison their home.

In Memoriam.

BERTHA DAVIS.

WHEREAS, With sorrowing hearts, we, the girls of Chi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta bow before the infinite wisdom of Our Heavenly Father who has taken to Himself our sister, Bertha Davis, be it

Resolved, That we will endeavor to learn the lesson which her beautiful, Christ-like life has taught us.

Resolved, That we extend to the members of her family, loving sympathy as sharers with them in their great loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Kappa Alpha Theta Journal.

EDNA LANGLEY WRIGHT, PSI CHAPTER.

Died at her home in Merrill, Wisconsin, September 25th, 1898.

EDITORIALS.

There is nothing easier than to criticise existing conditions. Any one of us can criticise, very few will take the trouble to go farther and suggest possible improvement for obvious faults. Miss Wickson, as chairman of the educational committee, has given us a report that deserves the thoughtful consideration of every chapter. If her suggestions are followed the percentage of chapters receiving a high grade in the chapter examinations will be very materially increased at next year's examinations, the chapters themselves will gain immensely in many ways, and not only will the preparation for the convention next fall be more easy and thorough, but the work of the convention itself will show the result of such study. If we could hope that the chapters would honestly and energetically follow Miss Wickson's suggestions in regard to the Journal we might expect a very decided and encouraging advance in its every department. One thing more might be added to Miss Wickson's suggestions in this regard. When discussing the Journal note every criticism, small or large, and send them to the editor. That is the only way that they can accomplish their end or be of any use. Unless, of course, they refer only to the work done by the chapters for the Journal, and even then they would be of help to the editor. Please note that criticisms of any kind that refer to the Journal should be sent to the editor, not to the Grand President or any other officer. It simply complicates matters when this self-evident fact is disregarded. The Grand President has quite enough to do without having to bear the brunt of the mistakes of her staff, or, through no fault of theirs, having to do their work. If your Journal does not reach you in time, or something is printed that you think indiscreet, or something is not printed that you think should be, then write to the editor and tell her what you think about it.

She will be glad to hear from you, but spare the Grand President.

The great danger of these suggestions for work being disregarded will come not from active opposition or difference of opinion but from indifference. It is fatal to a chapter's best life and work to fall into the way of thinking that things are well enough as they are. It may be that the chapter has now reached the point where they are resting upon what has been done; they are recognized and respected as a distinct influence in the life of They get the girls they want without extheir college. The chapter work goes smoothly and well cessive work. and they feel quite satisfied with their strength and assured position. Just here lies the danger, not from external but from internal causes. Their present condition is a tribute to the past and not a promise for the future. They are resting upon what has been, upon the work of those who went before them instead of working for those who shall follow, and who must pay the price when they come to realize that such a condition of things will not stand the strain of indifference. No chapter can have a healthy life and live up to its best possibilities without honest, conscientious work from each member. If the chapter honestly differs from the educational committee, then let them send their criticisms and suggestions for improvement to the chairman. And in the mean time let them support their committee and not run the risk of dying of inaction and indifference.

Through a mistake it is impossible to print as we had intended the names of the individual girls who received the highest grades in the examinations with the names of the chapters having the highest grades. It is unfortunate that they do not appear in their proper place but they will be given later.

As a result of her own experience the editor would add just a word to draw attention to and emphasize the notice

sent by the catalogue editor. It is the duty of every secretary to follow her directions absolutely even to the last detail as to sending the manuscript. If the secretary has ever prepared copy for the printer she will appreciate how important these details are, if not she must take the word of those who are experienced and do as she is told with care and exactness. Don't let her be too easily satisfied with fulfilling the letter of the law but live up to the spirit of it also. The editor cannot publish a catalogue that shall be of the value and credit to the fraternity that it should be unless she can depend upon the secretaries for the conscientious, wholesouled cooperation that is her due. A catalogue is not primarily an ornament or a thing of beauty, it is, if it fulfills its purpose, a history and book of reference that is of very great value to the fraternity. If it can not be depended upon for accuracy it is worse than useless and the blame rests with the secretaries who failed in their part of the work.

The three secretaries who write to ask when the chapter letter is due will find their question answered upon the title page of the Journal and also at the top of the first page of the chapter letters. The girl who wrote her chapter letter, evidently in the most desperate haste, upon both sides of the paper, adding her personals on the last page of the letter and in almost hopeless confusion, and who finished the whole thing off with a private note to the editor is also referred to these same directions at the beginning of the chapter letters. If she will read and follow these directions her next letter will be much more satisfactory to herself and to the editor who had to translate and copy the last one. The letters as a rule come in in such good shape that the editor is possibly somewhat spoiled, certainly she does resent what copying she occasionally has to do.

EXCHANGES.

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma for July contains an interesting description of "Life in Sage", with views of Sage and the Cornell Campus.

In an article entitled "Peripatetic" Miss Richmond, Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, describes a visit to the chapters of Alpha Province at Boston University, Barnard, University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore, Evanston and Syracuse.

The following extract is quoted from the July *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta, which contains a number of pithy and well-written articles:—

The girl whose chapter thinks *more* of *social* triumphs than of higher considerations is handicapped at the start. Scholarship is not expected of her. She must have enough of graciousness to make her a favorite in a certain class, but her real woman's nature is not given a chance to grow. In such a case, the girl who wishes to create a nobler standard must first live up to it herself. She will not long continue her journey unattended. There is a saying that everybody knows which perhaps can be drafted into service here: "As the twig is bent, so the tree is inclined." It is remarkable what a very large twig one fraternity girl can make of herself. Before she is aware of it, the tree, inclined in the right direction, is full-grown, ready to be the pride and prop of those who come after.

If the following plan proposed in the August *Quarterly* is put into execution, we hope that the "novel or story" will be published in some subsequent number of the *Quarterly*, as it will furnish an interesting study in Alpha Phi psychology:—

We have a plan to propose which may startle the sisters. We trust that after serious thought it may meet with their approbation. We would suggest the writing of a novel or story (let us use the simpler word:) a serial story divided into nine parts, each chapter to write a part in their turn. Our thought is to develop literary talent in the chapters.

Such an undertaking would we are sure rouse into life and activity whatever power and aptitude in this direction might be lying dormant in the chapter, and it would thus be developed for the benefit of Alpha Phi, first and best of all. What do you think of it, sisters? Alumnae chapters—active chapters—let us hear from you all.

Never was an oasis more welcome to a weary traveler in the desert than was the following refreshing excerpt from the July *Arrow* to the long suffering Exchange Editor after a fruitless search through the barren summer numbers of some of the leading Fraternity Journals for an item of living and universal interest to loyal Thetas.

Far be it from me as Exchange Editor to continue the dispute, if such it may be called or to add any new arguments on which to base the claim of "Priority." My duty is but to bring the following article to the notice of Kappa Alpha Theta and leave her to judge as to whether or not the article in the Kappa Alpha Theta for March, 1898, is answered or not. We quote the article entire.

The Kappa Alpha Theta for March contains an article called "Priority," which claims that the distinction of being the first woman's college fraternity belongs not to Pi Beta Phi but to Kappa Alpha Theta. Now, for a few words in relation thereto. Kappa Alpha Theta's ciaim to priority is based not on an actual matter of dates (facts and figures forbid such a claim) but on the assertion that our methods and organization were not at first similar to those of the Greek letter fraternities. We should very much like to have pointed out wherein lies the difference. Neither Theta nor anybody else would raise a question as to our standing to-day, our position in the Greek world is assured, and yet the Phi Beta Phi fraternity of eighteen-ninety-eight is the I. C. Sorosis of eighteen-sixty-seven,—aim, spirit and organization identical in every respect. Even the significance of "I C." is retained as an essential part of our organization. If our method has been modified it is only so far as was needful to meet the demands of a growing organization. We have changed,—shame to that fraternity which has not, -we have developed in all that touches fraternity management, but in principles there has not been the slightest change.

I. C. Sorosis was founded as a *college* organization strictly and its constitution provided for its maintenance as such. Its first chapter originated at Monmouth in 1867, its second was established at Iowa Wesleyan in 1869, and its third at Lombard University in 1870, the year that Kappa Alpha Theta was born. The first convention of Pi Beta Phi was

held in 1872, that of Kappa Alpha Theta in 1876.

Baird is incorrect in his statement (p. 241, old edition) that three kinds of chapters were at first provided for. He was either misinformed or misunderstood the information given him. Provision was made for but two kinds of chapters, college and alumnae. The first associate chapter, that at Ottumwa, Iowa, was formed in 1880, in direct, though perhaps ignorant, violation of the constitution. cational requirements for fraternity membership differed from those of to-day and this associate chapter was the logical outgrowth of the practice common at that time of initiating preparatory students, a practice recognized, we believe, by Kappa Alpha Theta, certainly by Kappa Kappa The ratification and recognition of this associate chapter was not accomplished without much difficulty, and there was always a large and active minority opposed to its continuance. A precedent being created for the associate chapter, others followed through a too liberal construction of the constitution. These led a more or less precarious existence for six years only, being then definitely and forever abolished.

But after all, what in the world has this to do with the question of priority? It is on the matter of associate chapters that Kappa Alpha Theta seems to base her whole argument, and the first associate chapter of I. C. was not established untill 1880, when I. C. had been in existence thirteen years and had seven college chapters, when Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma were ten years old and Alpha Phi eight. What would Theta have said about priority, we wonder, if asked the question previous to 1880? Does she mean to disregard the whole previous existence of I. C., or does she merely intend to subtract from our sum total of thirty-one years the six years when associate chapters were in existence? We suspect, however, that the whole question, in the mind of our critic, turns on the matter of the Greek name. A weighty argument, forsooth, in these days when every High School or Academy club is titled by some letters of the Hellenic alphabet. If the Greek name is what makes a fraternity, then in the name of all that is fraternal

let us welcome to Pan-Hellenism every group of human beings which calls itself anything between Alpha and Omega.

Truly, it would be a strange spectacle,—that of two great national organizations quarrelling over a mere matter of age. So far as we ourselves are concerned we would gladly yield the palm, if palm it be, to Kappa Alpha Theta or anybody else that valued it, without reply of any kind. It is not for ourselves that we contend, but for those pioneers in educational work for women, those women of brain and heart, who, without the aid that Theta's founders received, gave to us I. C., an organization that has proved itself capable of every fraternity requirement, and through all these years has brought help to so many college women, both under its earlier and its later names.

As we look back over the thirty-one years to our credit, we see many opportunities lost, in view of all we might have been and might have done, but among our shortcomings let us trust that there will never be found any indifference to the honor due our founders and the organization they gave us.

Strange as it may seem, we turned but two or three pages further on in the same number of the *Arrow* to find something to which we could utter a most heart-felt "Yea, and Amen:"

The chapter loses its influence and fails of its true object as soon as we break down that barrier of conservatism which is its own safeguard, and admit to the charmed circle, for compassion's sake alone, one with whom the fullest, truest, friendship is not possible. In so doing we are false to ourselves and to the initiate, for we are deliberately speaking from the lips vows in which the heart has no share. we dare not do! Far better not to make these promises than to know, in our hearts that they are false and hollow. Will not the solemnity and value of our initiation service be forever marred if once we have set aside its truth? And even if we do not ourselves take the vows, even if we stand silent, we have still, by our ballot, implied our consent to all that the service involves. If the ceremony were to be read aloud just before a ballot is taken, there would be fewer false vows laid to the score of friendship.

The Kappa Alpha Journal for May contains a short biography of "The Hero of Santiago" of whom Kappa Alpha may be justly proud.

We quote as follows:-

On April 17 last he was assigned for duty on board Admiral Sampson's flagship New York, where he remained until he was selected by Admiral Sampson as one eminently fitted to carry out the bold design Hobson himself had conceived of effectually "bottling up" the Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera.

How well he performed that hazardous mission every one knows, and to-day a civilized world is singing the praises of his skill and daring. Says ex-President Harrison: "We search the pages of history in vain to find some act of heroism

for country and flag that approaches this."

Personally Hobson is tall, handsome and very attractive. By his modest, unassuming manner, he wins hosts of friends wherever he goes. The most beautiful characteristic of his life, however, is his devotion to his family. Though his has been an extraordinary busy life, though his surroundings have been such as would tend to alienate his affections for home and native town, yet he is never too busy to write to his mother, and even as his friends left him aboard the Merrimac he was so thoughtful of the family as to request that, should he not return, they must be sure of the worst before they telegraphed his family.

Lieut. Hobson is the author of a political naval military paper on the "Situation and Outlook in Europe," which has received considerable attention abroad. During the China-Japan war he was selected as the American naval observer, but his selection was revoked owing to the opposition of line officers to those in the construction service. His expert knowledge was recognized by the Mexican Government, which designated him in 1896 to conduct trials and pass upon the Mexican dispatch vessel Donato Guerra, built at Phila-

delphia.

Kappa Alpha is proud of him and of his splendid career, for his life has been a constant realization of the Fraternity's most cherished ideals. The world has recognized his merit and is resounding with his praises, and Kappa Alphas may well unite in extolling his virtues and doing homage to his name.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi for June contains the Semi-Centennial Oration delivered on Anniversary Day, Feb. 10, 1898, at the Windsor Hotel, New York City, by Elmer H. Capen, D.D., Kappa of Theta Delta Chi, 1860.

We quote the following paragraph:--

The club spirit, therefore, should be cultivated in youth, before the springs of humane affection have been dried up in their sources, before the evil days come, when men shall say, we have no pleasuae in mankind. These should be taught early that the way of life does not lie in a narrow rut, and that no single path, however broad, however carefully it is cut through the rocks, or however smoothly it is leveled and rolled, is adequate for all who are seeking the farthest goal. Men must be brought together. They should be taught each other's idiosyncrasies, made acquaimted with the strength and weakness of their kind, and learn that they who would "see life, and see it whole," must view it from more than one point. It is not too much, therefore, to affirm that the fraternity in the college of to-day has a great and holy mission to perform. It can bring men together whose interests and tastes are widely separated, and awaken within them a sympathy so potent that it will sweep all differences away, fill them with an affection so warm that it will melt all antipathies, touch them by a humanity so large that they will no longer look upon the world through the pin-hole of the specialist, but behold it as it actually lies under the genial sunlight of the unobstructed heavens.

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

The annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was held in Philadelphia, amid the exciting incidents and events of the Peace Jubilee. The main question discussed was, "Shall the college curricula for women be modified?" The women who took part in this discussion were the heads of women's colleges and the women's departments of universities throughout the country, and their presence and interest furnished evidence of the prominence of this question among college women. The discussion, though not conclusive, brought out the fact that many leading college women believe that the college should give the same opportunity for laying the foundation for home-making and child-training studies as it gives for what is broadly called culture. To epitomize the views of the two sides: "What the country wants is broad-minded women." "What the world wants is broad-minded women who understand the science of cooking." This statement is extreme, and the happy mean is the object of many college-bred women's thoughts to-day. The report of the work done by the branches of the Association shows how rapidly the college women are coming to lead in all questions, from the feeding of babies to the cleaning of streets; and the Association, with its branches in every State, numbering 2,000 members, is taking its place as one of the leading women's organizations in the country.—Ex.

In 1883, the 11 largest fraternities stood thus: 1, Δ . K. E., 8,316; 2, A. Δ . Φ ., 5,781; 3, Ψ . Y., 5,757; 4, B. Θ . Π ., 4,874; 5, Φ . K. Ψ ., 3,819; 6, Δ . Y., 3,432; 7, Φ . Δ . Θ ., 3,367; 8, Φ . Γ . Δ ., 3,009; 9, Σ . X., 2,951; 10, Z. Ψ ., 2,876; 11, Δ . T. Δ ., 2,437.

In 1890, the 11 largest were: 1, A. K. E., 10,353; 2,

Ψ. Υ., 7,124; 3, B. Θ. Π., 6,995; 4, Φ. Δ. Θ., 6,803; 5, A. Δ. Φ., 6,236; 6, Φ. Κ. Ψ., 5,302; 7, Δ. Υ., 4,871; 8, Φ. Γ. Δ., 4,244; 9, Δ. Τ. Δ., 4,044; 10, Σ. Χ., 3,999; 11, Z. Ψ., 3,590.

While in 1898 the 11 largest are found to be: 1, Δ . K. E., 12,948; 2, B. Θ . Π ., 10,557; 3, Φ . Δ . Θ ., 9,609; 4, Ψ . Υ ., 8,585; 5, A. Δ . Φ ., 7,933; 6, Φ . K. Ψ ., 7,435; 7, Φ . Γ . Δ ., 6,330; 8, Δ . Υ ., 6,275; 9, Σ . X., 6,051; 10, Δ . T. Δ ., 5,670; 11, Σ . A. E., 5,668.